

December 16, 2013

The Groton City Council met on the above date at 7:00pm at City Hall for their regular second monthly meeting with the following members present: McGannon, Opp, Fliehs, Muilenburg, Heitmann, Brotherton (by telephone) and Mayor Hanlon presiding. Also present were Finance Officer Lowary, Attorney Johnson and the press.

The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Brotherton and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Opp and seconded by Muilenburg to authorize the following bills for payment. All members present voted aye.

First State Bank	6,655.57	ss & wh
Consolidated Fed Cr Union	1,125.00	emp savings
First State Bank	10.00	bank fee
1st National Bank	9,604.27	lagoon loan
A&B Business Solutions	171.85	repairs
AFLAC	683.70	emp ins
BNSF-Railroad Management Co	918.66	air rent
Car Quest	146.76	supplies
Colonial Research	114.34	cleaner
Dearborn National	86.00	life ins
Evergreen Supply	379.21	oxygen, acetylene
Fire Safety First	30.25	supplies
Fisher's Cleaning Service	3,800.00	cleaning
Groton Ford	283.95	repairs
Groton Independent	300.24	publishing
Guardian Ins	310.82	emp ins
Scott Hanlon	22.60	mileage
Heartland Cons Power District	62,331.03	power
IRBY	420.00	arm
Ken's Food Fair	643.54	supplies
Krueger Bros	7,592.80	gravel, buckshot
Locators & Supplies	247.00	hydrant markers
Meierhenry Sargent LLP	2,400.00	legal services
Olde Bank Floral N More	120.00	centerpieces
RDO-John Deere Cr	234.81	filters, elem, blades
Resco	180.10	connectors, tape
SD Supplement Retirement	3,209.98	emp retirement
Steven Lust Automotive	275.00	repairs
Wellmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield	12,766.54	health ins
Western Area Power Adm	27,097.08	power

Department reports were given.

A donation of \$600 from the Groton Lions Club for the park playground equipment was accepted.

An engineering agreement with Clark Engineering for the West of 37 Street Improvements and Curb & Gutter project for \$134,000 was presented and approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Muilenburg and seconded by Brotherton to authorize Mayor Hanlon to sign the 2014 Joint Powers Agreement with Northeast Council of Governments. All members present voted aye.

The following bids for the 1987 bucket truck were received and read aloud:

City of Hecla, Hecla, SD - \$12,000.00

Hughes Electric, Ree Heights, SD - \$12,001.00

Because both bids were under the 90% requirement of the value set by the Council, the bids were rejected and a new value of \$18,000 was set for a rebid on a motion by Heitmann and seconded by Opp. All members present voted aye.

No bids were received on the substation transformer.

Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Opp to authorize Hanlon and Lowary to attend the NW Energy meeting in Huron on Jan 15, 2014. All members present voted aye.

Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Heitmann to authorize Paul Kosel to attend the JUT school in Sioux Falls on Jan 21-23. All members present voted aye.

Discussion was held on handling of delinquent bills during the winter. Kosel showed a new electronic meter which could be used for prepaid accounts or routine shut-offs.

Discussion was held on allowing grievance hearings for fired employees. Moved by Brotherton and seconded by Heitmann to give 1st Reading to Ordinance No. 689, The Personnel Manual Update. All members present voted aye.

Values for property insurance were reviewed. Moved by Fliehs and seconded by Muilenburg to accept the updated values. All members present voted aye.

A proposal from Independent Audit Services (Ben Elliott) to do the 2012 and 2013 audits for \$11,000 was received and approved on a motion by McGannon and seconded by Fliehs. All members present voted aye.

A proposal to update the fines to the new clerk of courts levels (\$3 increase to most fines) was reviewed. Moved by Heitmann and seconded by Muilenburg to set Groton City fines at the new levels. All members present voted aye.

Council members Fliehs and Muilenburg were authorized to each keep a key to the Community Center for periodic inspections.

Meeting adjourned.

Scott Hanlon, Mayor

Anita Lowary, Finance Officer